

Agenda
CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION
Stratford Hall
Stratford, Virginia
September 6-7, 2012

Thursday, September 6

STARTING LOCATION

Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road Stratford, VA 22558

11:00 A.M. ARRIVE STRATFORD HALL

Check-in & gather at bus by 11:25
Outside Cheek Guest House

FIELD STUDY TOUR: *Living Resources on the Rebound: Reinvigorating Ecology, Economy & Culture*

11:30 A.M. BOARD BUS

[En-route on bus; lunches provided on bus]

Welcome: Delegate Margaret Ransone
 99th District, Northern Neck, Virginia

Overview and Goals (5 min)

Chairman Emmett Hanger
Ann Swanson & Jack Frye

Blue Crab: Status of the Stock & Management Implications (20 min)

Presenters: Lynn Fegley
 Assistant Director
 Estuarine and Marine Fisheries
 Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

Rob O'Reilly, VMRC
Chief
Fisheries Management
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Blue Crab: Current & Emerging Policy Issues - Discussion (30 min)

Commenters: Tom O’Connell
Director
Fisheries Service
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

Jack Travelstead
Commissioner
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

A.C. Carpenter
Executive Secretary
Potomac River Fisheries Commission

**12:30 P.M. BEVANS OYSTER COMPANY
Yeocomico River, Kinsale, Virginia**

[On-site facility tour]

What We Do Here: Oyster Shucking & Packing (30 min)

Presenters: Delegate Margaret Ransone
99th District, Northern Neck, Virginia

A. J. Erskine
Aquaculture Manager and Field Scientist;
President, Virginia Seafood Council

[On-site presentations & discussion]

**Local Industry Perspective: Intertwined Ecology, Economy and
Culture (20 min)**

Presenter: Doug Jenkins
Vice President
Twin Rivers Watermen’s Group

1:30 P.M. BOARD BOAT
Travel down Potomac River by boat to Cowart Seafood Corp., Lottsburg, Virginia

[En-route on boat]

Crab Fishery Tools:

- Crab Pots
- Peeler Pots and Traps

Presenter: Wayne France
President
Twin Rivers Watermen’s Group

Growing Oysters:

- Oyster Reefs – private and public grounds
- Oyster Floats and Cages

Presenter: A. J. Erskine
Aquaculture Manager and Field Scientist;
President, Virginia Seafood Council

**2:30 P.M. COWART'S SEAFOOD CORPORATION
Coan River, Lottsburg, Virginia**

[On-site facility tour]

What We Do Here: Oyster Aquaculture (30)

Presenter: A. J. Erskine
Aquaculture Manager and Field Scientist;
President, Virginia Seafood Council

[On-site at cedar trees or inside facility]

Discussion: Characteristics of the Oyster Fishery (30)

Opening Commentary:

Jack Travelstead
Commissioner
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Tom O'Connell
Director
Fisheries Service
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

A.C. Carpenter
Executive Secretary
Potomac River Fisheries Commission

Oysters: Status of the Stock & Management Implications (20 min)

Commenter(s):

Jack Travelstead
Commissioner
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Roger Mann, Ph.D.
Professor of Marine Science
Director of Research and Advisory Services
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

A New Goal for Oyster Restoration by 2025 (10 min)

Presenter: Peyton Robertson
Director
Chesapeake Bay Office
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

4:00 P.M. BOARD BUS

[En-route on bus]

- **Atlantic Sturgeon: New Listing as “Endangered” Species**
- **Menhaden: Action Pending from ASMFC**

Presenter: Robert Beal
Director, Interstate Fisheries
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

**4:35 P.M. CRAB SHEDDING FACILITY
Mount Holly, Virginia**

[On-site while touring facility]

Waterman, Crab Abundance & Water Quality (20 min)
*Tour of crab shedding operation and the importance of
good water quality and crab fishery management.*

Owner: Doug Jenkins

Presenter: Wayne France
Vice President
Twin Rivers Watermen’s Group

4:55 P.M. BOARD BUS

[En-route on bus]

- **Blue Catfish:** The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Presenter: Peyton Robertson
Director
Chesapeake Bay Office
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

5:20 P.M. ARRIVE AT STRATFORD HALL

Friday, September 7

8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST DELEGATION MEETINGS
Stratford Hall Dining Room

MEETING LOCATION:

Council House
Stratford Hall

9:00 A.M. WELCOME
Call To Order
Roll Call
Approval of the May Minutes

**9:10 A.M. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:
ONGOING AND EMERGING POLICY ISSUES & CBC PROJECTS**

CBC Audit Results
Chesapeake Executive Council
Federal Farm Bill
Chesapeake Rivers Landscape Collaborative
Factoring Land Conservation into the TMDL: Project Status
Manure to Energy

9:40 A.M. II. LIVING RESOURCES
Linkages between land use and fisheries habitat:

Presenter: **FINDINGS IN MARYLAND**
James H. Uphoff, Jr., Ph.D.
Program Manager
Fisheries, Habitat and Ecosystems Program
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

Presenter: **FINDINGS ON THE SUSQUEHANNA**
John Arway
Executive Director
Fish and Boat Commission

De-brief of yesterday's tour

10:50 A.M.

**NUTRIENT TRADING
Review and Status of Trading Programs in Maryland,
Pennsylvania and Virginia**

Presenter: Evan Branosky
Associate
Water Quality, World Resources Institute

11:45 P.M. NEW BUSINESS

12:00 P.M. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held at the Chesapeake Hyatt in Cambridge, Maryland
on November 8-9, 2012